GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:251
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2011
HIGH SPEED CORRIDORS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have conducted any study on the High Speed corridors in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the details of the routes identified for the aforesaid purpose;

(d) the financial implications likely to be involved therein; and

(e) the time frame set for the implementation of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.251 BY SHRI SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA AND ADV. GANESHRAO DUDHGAONKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.08.2011 REGARDING HIGH SPEED CORRIDORS

(a) to (e): Railways have selected six corridors for prefeasibility studies for high speed passenger trains in consultation with State Governments. The details of various studies are as under:

(i) Pune- Mumbai−Ahmedabad corridor - The Final Report submitted by the Consultant is under examination by all the stake holders including the State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat. After receiving the views of the stakeholders and incorporating the relevant parts in the report, it would be accepted by Ministry of Railways.

(ii) Delhi − Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna - The Consultant has been engaged, study in progress, Inception Report and Interim Report No.1 submitted.

(iii) Howrah −Haldia - The Consultant has been engaged, study in progress, Inception Report and Interim Reports No.1 and No.2 submitted.

(iv) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai - Tenders for prefeasibility study invited, the last date of submission of bids was 30.06.2011. Technical evaluation of the offers is under process.

(v) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam - Tenders for prefeasibility study invited, the last date for submission of bid documents is 22.09.2011.

(vi) Delhi − Chandigarh - Amritsar - The tenders for Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar corridor were invited and the bids are under evaluation.

The expenditure on prefeasibility studies would be approximately Rs. 50 crore, which will be borne by Ministry of Railways and concerned State Governments on 50:50 cost sharing basis. Completion of prefeasibility studies will take about one year.